



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Thursday, September 19, 2019

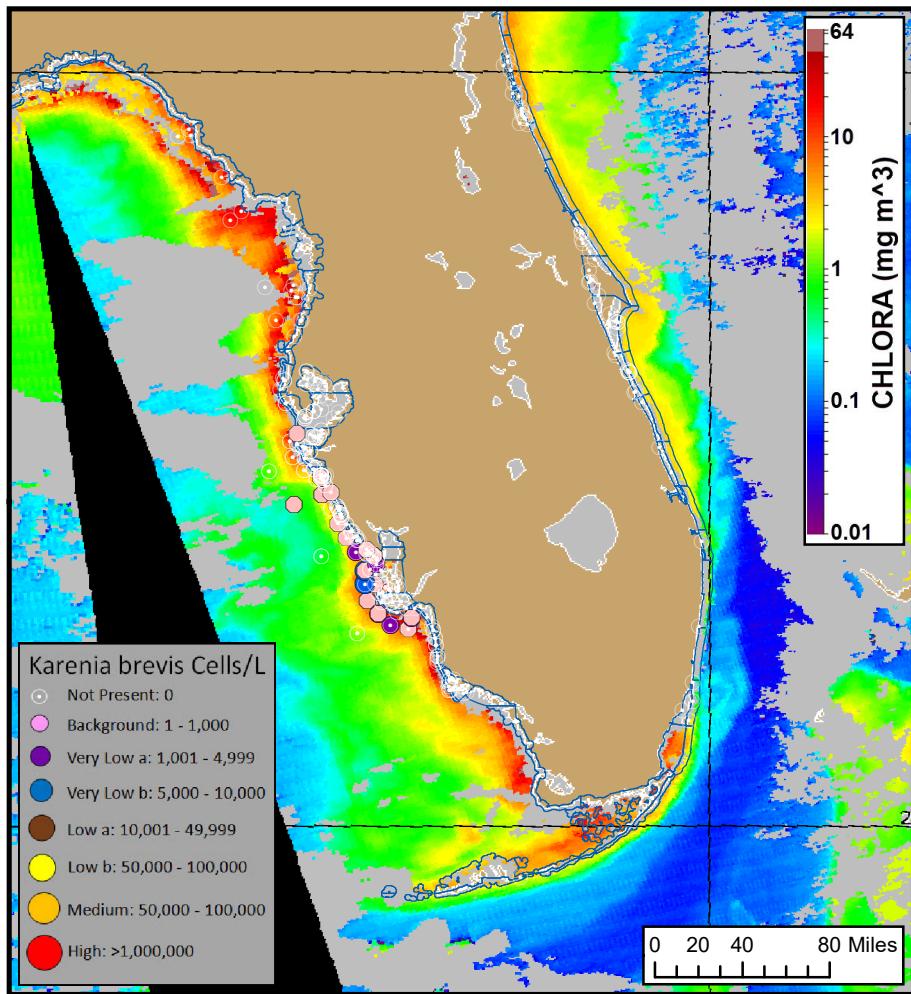
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Region: Southwest Florida



Karenia brevis cell concentration sampling data from: 09/09/19 through 09/18/19. Cell count data are provided by Florida FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. For a list of sample providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide: https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/hab_publication/GOMX_HAB_Bulletin_Guide.pdf. Detailed sample information can be obtained through the Florida FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute: <http://myfwc.com/REDTIDESTATUS>.

MODIS Aqua satellite chlorophyll image (09/17/19) with possible *K. brevis* HAB areas shown by red polygon(s).

Conditions Report

Not present to very low concentrations of *Karenia brevis* (commonly known as red tide) are present along- and offshore portions of southwest Florida, but not present in the Florida Keys. No respiratory irritation associated with *K. brevis* is expected in this region.

****Note: As of today, September 19, southwest Florida bulletins (Dixie County, FL to Florida Keys) will be issued twice weekly until conditions no longer warrant.****

Analysis

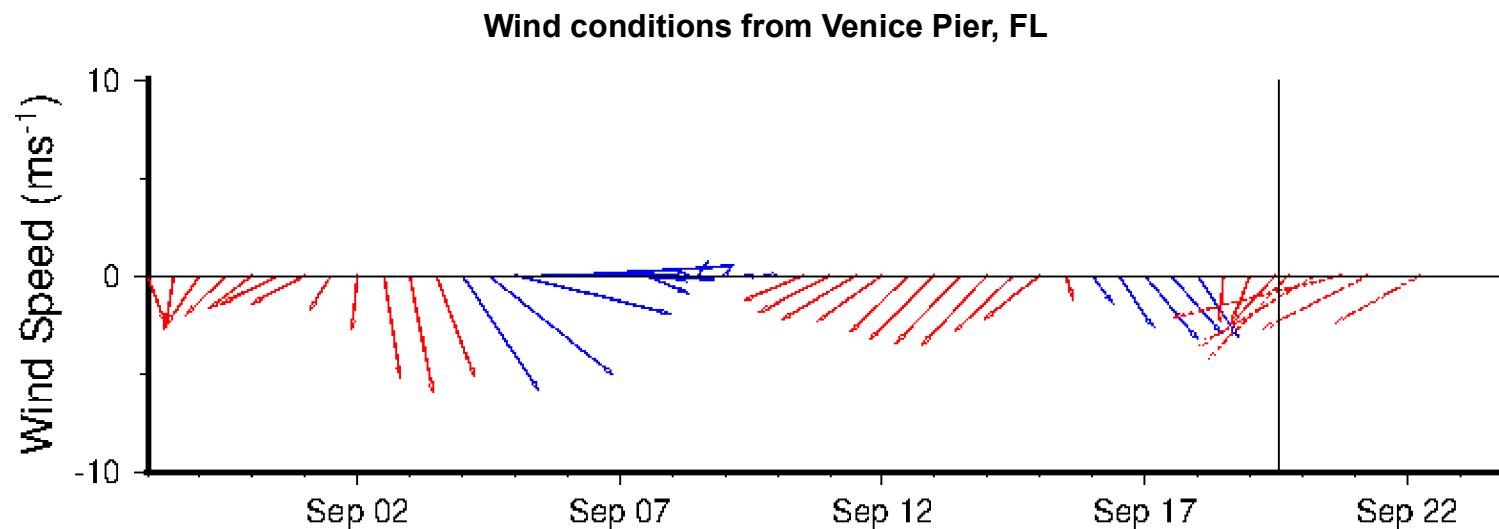
Imagery:

Recent satellite imagery (MODIS Aqua, 9/17) is partially obscured by clouds along the coast of southwest Florida, limiting analysis. Patches of elevated to very high chlorophyll (2 to >20 µg/L) are present alongshore from Sarasota to Collier counties. Two patches with the optical characteristics of *K. brevis* are present alongshore Manatee and Lee counties.

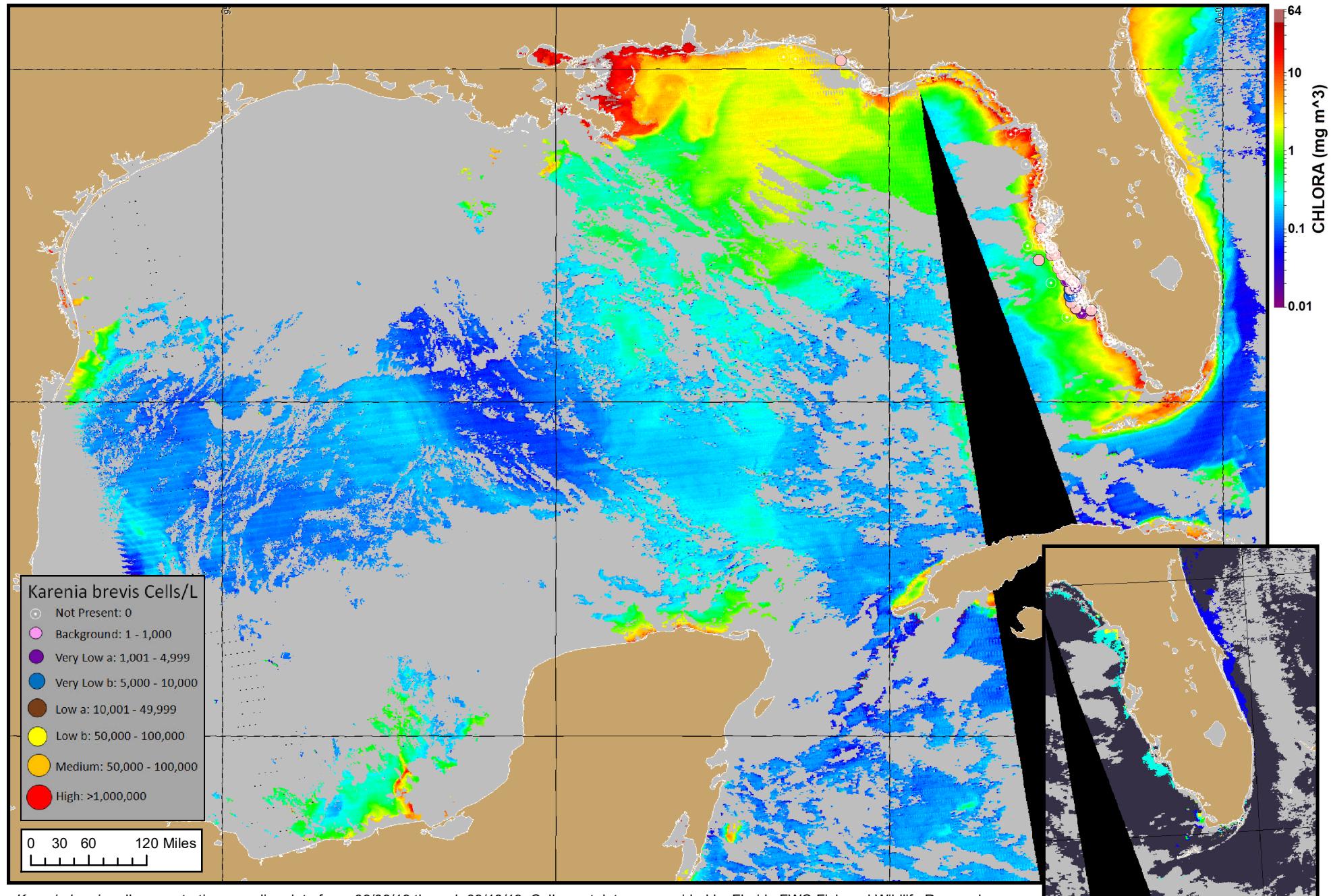
Forecasts:

Offshore winds (10-25 kn) forecast today through Monday (9/19-23) will reduce the potential for respiratory irritation or bloom intensification at the coast.

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Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS). A text summary of the marine forecast by region is available from NWS at <https://go.usa.gov/xnx4y>.



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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas with *K. brevis* optical characteristics shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).